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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EMIN, BL  
SUBJ: BOLIVIAN OFFICIAL REACTION TO NEW ITC BUFFER-STOCK TIN  
PRICES

1. THE GOB'S FURTHER REACTION TO THE RECENT ITC MEETING HAS BEEN EXPRESSED BY GENERAL VILLALPANDO, MINISTER OF MINES, IN A STRONGLY WORDED EIGHT-POINT PRESS RELEASE STATING THAT ONCE AGAIN CONSUMER COUNTRIES INTERESTS HAVE PREVAILED WITH NEW PRICE LEVELS ESTABLISHED BY ITC. THE RELEASE STRESSES THAT CONSUMER NATIONS HAVE ACTED ARROGANTLY AND REJECTED BOLIVIAN PROPOSALS BASED ON BOLIVIA'S CALCULATED MINING COST. THE DOCUMENT CONTAINS THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT READ BY THE BOLIVIAN DELEGATION AFTER THE VOTE ON BUFFER STOCK PRICE LEVELS.

2. COMMENT. THE GOB IS WAITING FOR THE RETURN OF ITS ITC DELEGATION AND ITS OCCICIAL REPORT BEFORE IT DECIDES WHAT ACTION TO TAKE. THE STRONGLY WORDED PRESS RELEASE REFLECTS THE CONSIDERABLE DISCONTENT WITHIN BOLIVIAN MINING CIRLCES WITH THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING. WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE THE GOB AGAIN GO TO THE BRINK IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN HIGHER BUFFER STOCK PRICE LEVELS, AS IT DID IN JUNE, BUT WHETHER GOB IS PREPARED IN THE END NOT TO FINALLY RATIFY THE FIFTH ITA IF IT DOESN'T GET ITS WAY IS UNPREDICTABLE AT THIS POINT.  
END COMMENT

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3. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY  
ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN  
PROVIDE TO REFUTE GOB ALLEGATIONS THAT CONSUMER  
COUNTRIES ACTED ARROGANTLY AND DID NOT PROPERLY  
CONSIDER BOLIVIAN PROPOSALS.  
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